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SUBJECT: EXPORT FIGURES FOR JAPANESE WHALING COMPANIES

1. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
AND THE ENVIRONMENT, OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT
MARINE AND FISHERIES, HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPLY
AVAILABLE DATA ON THE TOTAL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES
OF JAPANESE COMPANIES ENGAGED IN WHALING. WE BELIEVE SUCH
INFORMATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE FOLLOWING
COMPANIES:

. . . . TAIYO GYOGYO
. . . . NIPPON SUISAN
. . . . KYOKUYO
. . . . NITTO HOGEI

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. . . . NIPPON HOGEI

. HOKUYO HOGEI
. OGATA HOGEI

DATA SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO FISHERIES PRODUCTS BUT SHOULD COVER ALL OPERATIONS OF EACH COMPANY. EMBASSY SHOULD USE OWN DISCRETION ON WHETHER TO APPROACH COMPANIES DIRECTLY OR TO RELY ON DATA AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC SOURCES SUCH AS ANNUAL REPORTS.

2. FYI: SUBCOMMITTEE REQUEST IS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 448. IF APPROVED, HJR 448 WOULD EMBARGO ALL PRODUCTS OF COMPANIES ENGAGED IN WHALING FROM ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT TAKEN A FORMAL POSITION ON HJR 448 YET, BUT A PRELIMINARY READING IS THAT WE WILL OPPOSE ENACTMENT. THERE ARE ALSO TWO BILLS (H.R. 80 AND H.R. 607) AND ONE JOINT RESOLUTION (HJR 32) BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WOULD EXTEND SECTION 8 OF THE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967 TO ALLOW THE PRESIDENT TO RESTRICT IMPORTATION OF ANY PRODUCT, NOT JUST FISHERIES PRODUCTS, FROM COUNTRIES WHICH CONDUCT FISHING OPERATIONS IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD DEMINISH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS A PARTY. THE DEPARTMENT HAS OPPOSED ENACTMENT OF H.R. 80, H.R. 607 AND HJR 32--END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY DATA AVAILABLE ASAP. KISSINGER

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